

Claims

1. Instrument (1) for pulling ticks out of the skin of animals or humans, comprising:
a longitudinal grip piece (2, 21) for gripping the instrument (1) and
an end piece (4), which is at least partially flattened, having, at least in part, a first slot (22) for gripping the tick, which end piece (4) terminates in an essentially fork-like shape, which shape has at least two prongs (6) between which a space (10) is formed for grasping a tick, characterized in that the grip piece (2, 21) has a second slot (24) in order to permit the space (10) between the prongs (6) of the end piece (4) to be varied.
2. Instrument (1) according to Claim 1, where at least one of the slots (8, 22, 24) has an essentially V-shaped cross section (10).
3. Instrument (1) according to either of the preceding claims, where the slots (8, 22, 24) are connected together by a film hinge.
4. Instrument (1) according to any of the preceding claims, where the first slot (22) and the second slot (24) are designed as one slot (8).
5. Instrument (1) according to any of the preceding claims, where the second slot (24), viewed in a direction essentially parallel to the first slot (22), has a non-uniform width.
6. Instrument (1) according to the preceding claim, where the slot width varies essentially parallel to the longitudinal extension of the grip piece (2, 21).
7. Instrument (1) according to the preceding claim, where the slot width, at least in a transition (28) between grip piece (2, 21) and end piece (4), is enlarged with respect to sections of the slot (8, 22, 24) adjacent to this transition (28).
8. Instrument (1) according to any of the preceding claims, where the grip piece (2, 21) is symmetrical with respect to rotation.
9. Instrument (1) according to any of the preceding claims, where a light source is provided, by which the end piece (4) is capable of being at least substantially illuminated.
10. Instrument (1) according to any of the preceding claims, where a magnifying lens directed to the end piece (4) is provided.